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Applicant : AUERBACH et al.
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is in response to the Non-final Office Action dated 01 November 2007, which set a three-month period for reply that ended 01 February 2008. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time and enclose a request to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0650 for the associated fee. Accordingly, the time period for reply now expires on 01 April 2008, and this response is timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.